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Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Original): A method for identifying playback devices of a plurality of client apparatuses which are networked to simultaneously playback an event, comprising the steps of:

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- (a) identifying a type of the playback device of each of the client apparatuses;
 - (b) looking up a command associated with the identified type of the playback device and
 - (c) sending the command to the corresponding client apparatus for beginning the playback of the event simultaneously with the playback of the event on each of the remaining client apparatuses.

Claim 2 (Original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes a video and audio presentation.

Claim 3 (Original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the type of the playback device is identified utilizing the network.


Claim 4 (Original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a wide area network.

Claim 5 (Original): A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of storing on the client apparatus an identifier of a host server that sent the command.

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Claim 6 (Currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising playing, ~~wherein the memory includes a~~ digital video disc (DVD) during the event.

Claim 7 (Original): A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for identifying playback devices of a plurality of client apparatuses which are networked to simultaneously playback an event, comprising:

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- (a) a code segment for identifying a type of the playback device of each of the client apparatuses;
 - (b) a code segment for looking up a command associated with the identified type of the playback device; and
 - (c) a code segment for sending the command to the corresponding client apparatus for beginning the playback of the event simultaneously with the playback of the event on each of the remaining client apparatuses.

Claim 8 (Original): A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the event includes a video and audio presentation.

Claim 9 (Original): A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the type of the playback device is identified utilizing the network.

Claim 10 (Original): A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the network is a wide area network.

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Claim 11 (Original): A computer program as recited in claim 7, and further comprising a code segment for storing on the client apparatus an identifier of a host server that sent the command.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A computer program as recited in claim 7 further comprising a code segment for playing ~~wherein the memory includes a digital video disc (DVD) during the~~ event.

Claim 13 (Original): A system for identifying playback devices of a plurality of client apparatuses which are networked to simultaneously playback an event, comprising:

- (a) logic for identifying a type of the playback device of each of the client apparatuses;
- (b) logic for looking up a command associated with the identified type of the playback device; and
- (c) logic for sending the command to the corresponding client apparatus for beginning the playback of the event simultaneously with the playback of the event on each of the remaining client apparatuses.

Claim 14 (Original): A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the event includes a video and audio presentation.

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Claim 15 (Original): A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the type of the playback device is identified utilizing the network.

Claim 16 (Original): A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the network is a wide area network.

Claim 17 (Original): A system as recited in claim 13, and further comprising logic for storing on the client apparatus an identifier of a host server that sent the command.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): A system as recited in claim 13 further comprising logic for playing, ~~wherein the memory includes~~ a digital video disc (DVD) during the event.
